

Improved Voting Device

Abstract of the Disclosure

In any election where the margin of victory is smaller than the margin of error of the voting equipment, chaos ensues, as it did in the Florida election of the year 2000. To avoid a repetition of that debacle the applicant herewith submits a disclosure of an improved voting device. For such an improvement to have the greatest impact, it is necessary to start with the voting device that already has the lowest error rate. That is the original "Votomatic," which has an error rate of 1.2%. The specification of the accompanying patent application will explain in detail how the two shortcomings of the Votomatic are eliminated in the new device, which is called the "VoteSure." The proposed changes in the Votomatic are as follows: (1) the punch system of prescoring the ballot card in the Votomatic is totally replaced by a "shear-card" system that completely eliminates hanging and dimpled chads, and (2) the feedback effectiveness of the backlighting disclosed by applicant in a prior patent application is enhanced more than six fold.